Marriages with NRIs

†341. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases of divorce of those marrying NRI spouse are on the increase;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government;

(c) the data in this regard for the last five years; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The details of divorce cases are not maintained in the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs. The Government is taking various measures to create awareness on this issue. The measures include publishing a guidance booklet on marriages to overseas Indians and publicity through print and electronic media. The Ministry organized a National Consultation in Delhi in February 2006 and a Workshop in Chandigarh in June 2006 to address the problems relating to marriages with overseas Indians. Another workshop is being organized in collaboration with the National Commission for Women in Kerala in September, 2006.

Applications for Dual Citizenship

342. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons that have applied for Dual Citizenship, country-wise;

(b) the number that have actually been granted Dual Citizenship; and

(c) the difficulties being expressed by the NRIs, in success of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Uptil 25 July 2006, 88053 persons have applied for Overseas

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Citizenship of India. Country-wise data is enclosed as Statement, (See below).

(b) Uptil 25 July, 2006, 41536 persons have been issued OCI documents.

(c) The scheme was launched on 7th January, 2006. Taking into account views of the applicants, the Scheme has been further streamlined and is largely successful. The Scheme has been well received all over the world.

Statement

Applications for Dual Citizenship

SI. No.	Mission Name	No. of Applicants
1	2	3
1.	USAN-New York CGI	13503
2.	USAS-Scan Francisco	12880
3.	GBRL-London	7751
4.	LKAC-Colombo	7691
5.	USAC-Chicago	6342
6.	USAH-Houston	5804
7.	AUSS-Sydney	5516
8.	USAW-Washington	4949
9.	CANT-Toronto	4443
10.	AUSC-Canberra	3282
11.	INDC-Frro Chennai	2099
12.	INDM-Frro Mumbai	1908
13.	INDH-Mha Delhi	1850
14.	CANV-Vancouver	1557
15.	GBRB-Birmingham	1466
16.	NZLW-Wellington	1178
17.	INDD-Frro Delhi	951
18.	LKAK-Kandy	926
19.	CANO-Ottawa	612
20.	SWZB-Berne	594
21.	FRAP-Paris	358

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22.	GBRE-Edinburgh	287
23.	UAED-Dubai	248
24.	INDA-Frro Amritsar	142
25.	IRLD-Dublin	107
26.	BELB-Brussels	96
27.	INDK-Frro Kolkata	9
28.	SAUR-Riyadh	87
29.	UAEA-Abu Dhabi	86
30.	AFGH-Herat	76
31.	NLDT-The Hague	75
32.	MUSP-Port Louis	57
33.	AFGJ-Jalalabad	56
34.	CHNH-Hong Kong	53
35.	SWZG-Geneva	50
36.	VENC-Caracas	50
37.	SAUJ-Jeddah	49
38.	KENN-Nairobi	30
39.	QATD-Doha	29
40.	SGPS-Singapore	29
41.	IDNJ-Jakarta	28
42.	KWTK-Kuwait	24
43.	OMNM-Muscat	24
44.	ZAFJ-Johannesburg	22
45.	ITAM-Milan	21
46.	PRTL-Lisbon	21
47.	DEUM-Munich	18
48.	THAB-Bangkok	18
49.	AFGK-Kabul	17
50.	GRCA-Athens	17
51.	AFGR-Kandhar	16
52.	BHRB-Bahrain	16
53.	BGDD-Dhaka	16
54.	JPNT-Tokyo	15
55.	PRKS-Seoul	15
56.	KENM-Mombasa	15
57.	AUTV-Vienna	14

1	2	3
58.	PHLM-Manila	14
59.	MYSK-Kuala Lumpur	14
60.	MEXM-MexicoCity	14
61.	MDGM-Antananarivo	14
62.	DEUF-Frankfurt	13
63.	JAMK-Kingston	13
64.	ITAR-Rome	13
65.	SWES-Stockholm	11
66.	UKRK-Kyiv	11
67.	FINH-Helsinki	10
68.	ZAFD-Durban	10
69.	CHNS-Shanghai	9
70.	AFGM-Mazar-e-Sharief	8
71.	JPNO-Kobe	8
72.	JPNO-Kobe	7
73.	ISRT-Telaviv	7
74.	ZWEH-Harare	7
75.	TTOP-Port of Spain	7
76.	TTOP-Port of Spain	7
77.	EGYC-Cairo	6
78.	ZAFC-Cape Town	6
79.	SYCM-Mahe	6
80.	HNGB-Budapest	6
81.	HRVZ-Zagreb	6
82.	ARMY-Yerevan	5
83.	CYPN-Nicosia	5
84.	ZAFP-Pretoria	5
85.	ZAFP-Pretoria	5
86.	GHAA-Accra	5
87.	AZEB-Baku	5
88.	BRAS-Sao Paulo	5
89.	BRAB-Brasilia	4
90.	EGYP-Port Said	4
91.	KAZA-Almaty	4
92.	NGAA-Abuja	4
93.	PERL-Slima	4

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94.	PERL-Lima	4
95.	REUD-St. Denis	4
96.	POLW-Warsaw	4
97.	NGAL-Lagos	4
98.	ESPM-Madrid	4
99.	CZCP-Prague	4
100.	BTNT-Thimpu	3
101.	BTNT-Thimpu	3
102.	JORA-Amman	3
103.	JORA-Amman	3
104.	ZMBL-Lusaka	3
105.	SURP-Paramaribo	3
106.	DEUH-Hamburg	3
107.	DEUH-Hamburg	2
108.	ZARZ-Kinshasa	2
109.	UZBT-Tashkent	2
110.	SNGD-Dakar	2
111.	ROUB-Bucharest	2
112.	NIAA-Abidjan	2
113.	MDVM-Male	2
114.	KHMP-Phnom Penh	2
115.	KHMP-Phnom Penh	2
116.	IRAS-Shiraz	2
117.	AGOL-Luanda	1
118.	ATGA-Antiqua and Barbuda	1
119.	BTNP-Phuntsholing	1
120.	CHLS-Santiago	1
121.	CHLS-Santiago	1
122.	DEUE-Berlin	1
123.	DZAA-Algiers	1
124.	IRAB- Bamdar Abbas	1
125.	YUGB-Belgrade	1
126.	YNMO-Ho-Chi-Minh City	1
127.	VNMH-Hanoi	1
128.	TZAD-Dar-Es-Salaam	1
129.	SVKB-Bratislava	1

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30.	RUSM-Moscow	1
31.	NPLB-Birganj	1
32.	NORO-Oslo	1
33.	LBYT-Tripoli	1
34.	LBYT-Tripoli	1
35.	LBNB-Beirut	1
136.	LAOV-Vientiene	1
37.	IRQB-Baghdad	1
38.	FIJS-Suva	1
139.	DNKC-Copenhagen	1
140.	CUBH-Habana	1
141.	CHNB-Beijing	1
142.	BWAG-Gaborone	1
143.	BGDR-Rajshahi	1
144.	BGDR-Rajshahi	1

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas1

343. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRASEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently held Pravasi Bharatiya Divas had created a special purpose vehicle that had facilitated investments of overseas Indians;

(b) if so, the details of such investments attracted, so far; and

(c) the strategy to be adopted during the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, an information services portal in association with UTI Bank has been launched, which provides information to Overseas Indians on investment opportunities in India, In addition the Ministry also uses other forums for promoting investments by Overseas Indians.